Programmes, important among which are the Centrally sponsored scheme of Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) and the Central Sector Schemes of Self-Employment for Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY). These schemes are being continued in the Eighth Plan in the State of Arunachal Pradesh as in other States.

Child Labour in Bangle and Glass Factorits

3601. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports published in the Economic Times of 5th August, 1993 under the caption "failure to implement labour laws flayed";

(b) if so, whether it is fact that about 50,000 child workers are working under "gruesome plight" in the glass and bangle industry of Ferozabad in U.P. and what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government have taken against the exploitation of child labour in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The 1981 Census does not indicate industry-wise number of child labour. 1991 Census figures pertaining to child labour are not yet available. However, it is a fact that children are working in the glass and bangle industries of Ferozabad. A National Child Labour Project has been taken up in Ferozabad to cover these children through 10 Special Schools. Steps taken to combat exploitation of child labour have been mentioned in answer to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 16 for 26.7.93.

Esic scheme for contract workers at Paradip Phosphates Ltd.

3602. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY:
SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY:

Will the Miniter of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) by when the contract workers working under Paradip Phosphates Ltd., will be brought under E.S.I.C. scheme to provide them with the health care;

(b) whether any decision has been taken in this regard by E.S.I.C.; and

(c) if so, since when and what are the reasons of delay in implementing it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The workers including contract workers of the Paradip Phosphates Ltd. drawing wages not exceeding Rs. 3000/- per month have already been brought under the ESI Scheme with effect from the 15th May, 1993.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Non-deposit of P.F. Money of contract workers in Pradip Phosphates Ltd.

3603. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY:
SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY:
SHRI SARADAMOHANTY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any investigation regarding the non-deposit of provident fund amount of contract workers by contractors of Paradip

Phosphates Ltd., which they collected from workers and received from Paradip Phosphates Ltd.;

(b) if so, what are the names of these firms and total defaulted money by them separately alongwith the interest: and

(c) what steps Government are contemplating to take for an early realisation of this money and punishment to the defaulting parties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The information is bring collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Vacant posts of presiding officer of CGIT,. Jabalpur

3604. SHRI SHIVPRASAD CHANPURIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an additional post of Presiding Officer of Central Government Industrial Tribunal was sanctioned for Madhya Pradesh:

(a) if so, what are the reasons for the post lying vacant till now;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the post of Presiding Officer, CGIT, Jabalpur is lying vacant since last one year:

(d) the number of cases pending before the CGIT, Jabalpur; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that repeated representations were made to fill up the post of Presiding Officer, CGIT, Jabalpur, by various trade unions and Advocates, if so, the details in this regard alongwith the reasons for not filling up and also the steps taken to fill up the vacancy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The post is vacant from 5.9-92.

(d) 1062 industrial disputes and 2100 applications were pending with CGIT-cum-Labour Court, Jabalpur as on 30.06-1993.

(e) A number of representations have been received from various quarters from time to time for filling up the post expeditiously. Necessary steps as per the procedure have already been taken to fill up the post at the earliest.

Unemployed B. Tech. Engineers

3605. SHR MATANG SING: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of B. Tech. engineers who are unemployed at present;

(b) what are the names of the Public Sector Undertakings in which those Engineers can be absorbed; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure the employment of these engineers in other sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Information on the number of unemployed B. Tech. engineers is not available. However, the number of engineering graduates (including postgraduates) who were on the live register of employment exchanges, not all of whom are necessarily unemployed, as on 30-6.1991 was 116.8 thousands.

Employment is a thrust area of the Eighth Five Year Plan. The Plan